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Dear Gene -

I cannot tell you how grateful I am for your having sent me your Dr. Schweitzer book and when I get back I am going to ask you to autograph it -

On Sunday Jan. 9th, Bishop Gribbin spoke of Dr. Schweitzer, his character and his work, in the sermon in our little chapel here, mentioning that his 80th birthday would be during that coming week - On Monday, Jan 10th your book arrived for me and I proudly showed it to various friends, who came to see me including Bish, whom I promised to give one to when the 4 I had ordered from Whaley's arrived. They came on the afternoon of July 14th, on which day I gave one to Bishop Gribbin, one to my beloved Dr. Arthur Chace, and one to Dr. George St. John, who was head of Choate School for so many years. They were all so moved by the book and the wonderful way in which you presented it.

Two days later Serena & George Merck

Came in to tea. George saw my 4th book, which I gave to him because he said that ever since Lucie began to produce Penicillin he had been in correspondence with Dr. Schweitzer but had never seen him, although quantities of Penicillin had been sent for his work in Africa. Now I have ordered 4 more copies from Whaley to give to other friends here -

Today I received a long air-mail letter from Dick, telling me among other things of Virgil's motor accident. I am very grateful that he was not badly hurt nor killed and do hope he will be very careful in the future no matter who it was to blame in this case. I thought that we had all definitely decided that Dick's tempo and interpretation of any music relating to the chorus and the soloists was to be followed implicitly by Virgil, who is accompanist only in such circumstances. Apparently Virgil does not understand this and it seems to me that the only solution now will be for Dick to conduct the rehearsals of the soloists when they practice with Virgil - In fairness to Virgil, how can

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he knows Dick's interpretation when Virgil is absent from so many rehearsals?
Each is a good musician, with his own ideas but there must be more cooperation between them where the members of the choir are concerned - Virgil must be made to understand that Dick's way must be followed or they will both lose the respect and affection of the choir -
When does Virgil have the second operation on his hand? Please let me know the result and also how plans for March 30th are progressing. Do you think it would be possible for me to have copies of the minutes of the meetings of the Dedication Committee and of the Music Committee?
Phil & Elizabeth Stimson are flying down to visit me on Feb. 16th and I should like to know what is going on before they come.
After an easy, pleasant trip down, we reached here just after luncheon on Sunday, Jan 2nd, and found everything

in perfect condition indoors and out, including the weather. This has continued fine except for an occasional colder day than usual but I am so fortunate to have this dear little funny house to come to - in a climate where I can constantly be out of doors - The sea has been too rough for bathing a good part of the time but there are so many other things to do -

Many people bring down bronchial colds with them but eventually lose them in the sunshine. Mine hung on for one month and Jean caught it from me so we frequently had a duet -

Hoping that you and Sunny are well and will both escape bad colds and again with many thanks for the book

Affectionately -

Florence -